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Department of Health Services

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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 03-24

TO: CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM
PROVIDERS AND MEDICAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: INFLUENZA VACCINE UPDATE

With the 2003-04 Flu season fast approaching, we want to remind CHDP Providers that the influenza vaccine is a CHDP Program benefit for infants and children who are at increased risk of influenza infection or its complications. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has included healthy infants six to 24 months of age within this group of infants and children.

Please refer to the enclosed Vaccines for Children Program Letter for:

- the requirements for use of influenza vaccine in VFC-eligible children 18 years of age and younger;
- the population of infants and children who are at high risk, in accordance with the ACIP; and
- the procedures for ordering supplies of vaccine for this year.

You can find a copy of the current CHDP Vaccine Benefits and Reimbursement Table enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP Program.

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CHDP VACCINE TABLE
Codes and Rates

Vaccine	Code	Vaccine Source	Age	Rate ¹	Comment Required
DTaP	45	Vaccines For Children (VFC)	2 months thru 6 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
DT Pediatric	59	Purchased	2 months thru 6 years, 11 months	\$ 10.93	
Td Adult	60	Purchased	7 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 10.93	
Hepatitis A	65	VFC (Pediatric)	2 years thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	66	Purchased (Adult)	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 65.48	
HBIG ²	41 + 57	Purchased	Birth thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 168.12	Reason for administration
Hepatitis B/Hib Combination	56	VFC	2 months thru 4 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Hepatitis B Lower Dose (Pediatric/ Adolescent)	40	VFC	Birth thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Hepatitis B Higher Dose (Adult)	42	VFC	11 years thru 15 years, 11 months ³	\$ 9.00	(Use this code for 2 dose adolescent schedule)
Hepatitis B	51	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 38.17	
Hib	38	VFC	2 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	High risk factor, if older than 5 years
	63	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 16.82	High risk factor
Influenza	53	VFC	6 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	High risk factor
	54	Purchased	6 months thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 13.76	High risk factor
MMR	33	VFC	12 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	48	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 38.27	
Measles ⁴	34	Purchased	12 months thru 20 years, 11 months ⁵	\$ 21.29	Reason for administration
Pediarix	68	VFC	2 months thru 6 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Polio – Inactivated	39	VFC	2 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	64	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 29.84	High risk factor
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (23PS)	55	Purchased	2 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 20.74	High risk factor
Pneumococcal, heptavalent (Prevnar)	67	VFC	1 month thru 4 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Rubella ⁶	36	Purchased	12 months thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 24.50	Reason for administration
Varicella	46	VFC	12 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	52	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months ⁷	\$ 48.94	Includes those born before 1/1/83, not VFC high risk

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1. Total reimbursement, includes administration fee.
2. Only for infants with HBsAg (+) mothers and for children exposed to known/suspected HBsAg (+) blood/tissue fluids.
3. Adolescent two dose immunization schedule, currently approved for ages 11 years through 15 years, 11 months.
4. For individuals with a contraindication to rubella or mumps vaccine.
5. Measles vaccine (or, if not available, MMR) is recommended in children as young as 6 months, in outbreak situations.
6. For individuals with a contraindication to measles or mumps vaccine.
7. Youth with date of birth before 1/1/83 must be in close contact with persons at high risk of complications from varicella.

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State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
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Governor

August 20, 2003

TO: **Private Sector Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers**

FROM: Howard Backer, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program Update: Influenza Vaccine Availability for VFC Children & Revised VFC Vaccine Order Form, DHS 8501 (7/03)**

The California VFC Program will begin accepting orders from VFC providers, on September 2, 2003, for Influenza Vaccine for the 2003-2004 Flu Season. There will be two influenza vaccine formulations available for VFC eligible children this year, each with specific Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for patient recipients. These two flu vaccines also are packaged differently.

a.) **Influenza-Preservative Free**, brand name Fluzone® Preservative Free, (no thimerosal)

- For use in VFC infants 6 through 35 months of age
- Available ONLY in packages of 10 X1 Tip-Lok® Syringes (No Needle)
- Prefilled dose 0.25 ml

b.) **Influenza**, brand name Fluzone® (contains thimerosal)

- For use in VFC children 6 months through 18 years of age
- Packaged in 10-dose vials
- Dosing: 6-35 months, 0.25 ml; = 36 months, 0.5 ml

Children under 9 years of age, receiving influenza vaccine for the first time, will require two doses, one month apart.

The new intranasal vaccine is licensed ONLY for *healthy* persons 5-49 years of age and not available through VFC.



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As with all VFC-provided vaccines, influenza vaccine is **ONLY** available for VFC-eligible children 18 years of age or younger whom the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) considers to be at increased risk of influenza infection or its complications due one or more of the following conditions:

- Healthy infants 6 to 24 months of age.
- Children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency [HIV] virus). Providers need to seek out such VFC eligible patients and ensure that they are offered the appropriate type of influenza vaccine.
- Children with chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma.
- Children who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and, therefore, might be at risk for developing Reye syndrome after influenza infection.
- VFC-eligible children who are household members of persons in above high risk groups.

A copy of the current Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for the Inactivated Influenza Vaccines, dated 5/6/03, is included in this mailing. Federal regulation requires that you present this to each parent or guardian whose VFC-eligible child will receive a flu shot.

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS:

Use **ONLY** the copies of the enclosed **Revised VFC Vaccine Order Form, DHS 8501 (7/03)**, to order all VFC vaccines and to initiate your 2003-04 flu vaccine order for your VFC-eligible children. Keep the other copy as your photo copy master for all future and regular VFC vaccine orders. You may fax or mail your completed flu order **after September 1, 2003**. If it has been more than one month since you received your last shipment of VFC vaccine, you may include your regular vaccine order:

- a. Complete the usage and inventory sections of the vaccine order form for the other VFC supplied vaccines you may have on your refrigerator shelves.
- b. Order all the vaccines you will need for the next two months. (If you only need influenza vaccine at this time, you should only order influenza vaccine.)
- c. Complete the appropriate Influenza vaccine row box, in the **SPECIAL ORDER VFC VACCINES section** to specify which or both types of flu vaccine that you are ordering.



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Please order only enough influenza vaccine needed for the vaccination of high-risk VFC-eligible children and healthy infants 6 to 24 months of age during the 2003-2004 season. Orders for the vaccine will be processed on a first come, first served basis, since our inventory of the two vaccines is limited.

Special Notes for Medi-Cal and CHDP Program Providers

Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Program providers who are unable to get influenza vaccine from the VFC Program for their Medi-Cal beneficiaries should purchase it privately and bill Medi-Cal using the appropriate Medi-Cal injection code. Effective with the September 22, 2003 implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Department of Health Services (DHS) is implementing the use of *Current Procedural Terminology – 4th Edition (CPT-4)* codes when billing for vaccines and immunizations. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level III local codes will no longer be reimbursable by Medi-Cal for dates of service on or after the HIPAA implementation date. The pre-September 22, 2003 required Medi-Cal injection code X6218, will be replaced with 90657, 90658, and 90659. Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program providers are required to use CPT-4 codes and the –SL modifier. The –SK modifier must also be used with VFC vaccine codes when appropriate. Source Document: **MEDI-CAL UPDATE Medical Service Bulletin 348, (Billing and Policy), July 2003**, and available at:

<http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/bulletins/gm/archive/word/gm20030701.doc>

CHDP: The CHDP Program issued a CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 03-12 (July 1, 2003) with billing information for influenza vaccine. This information is enclosed in the **CHDP Vaccine Benefits and Reimbursement Table** which specifies the appropriate codes, age ranges covered, reimbursements rates, and comments required for flu vaccine received either from the VFC Program, or purchased by the provider.

If you have any questions, please call your VFC Field Representative or the VFC Program at: 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC).

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